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BRAY WANDERERS
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FROM THE DUGOUT

STEPHEN ELLIOTT



We're delighted to extend a warm welcome to the Bray management team, players, and supporters. Local derbies always carry a special edge, and we look forward to today's game reflecting that competitive spirit and atmosphere.

As we reach the final round of fixtures, our aim is to finish strongly and put as many points on the board as possible. Every game counts at this stage, and we want to carry momentum right through to the end.

It has been a mixed first three quarters of the season for a variety of reasons, but the effort and commitment of the squad has never been in doubt. With greater continuity and consistency, we are confident of producing a strong final quarter and finishing on a high.

A derby always brings out the best in players and supporters alike, so let's make sure today is no different.

Be loud, be proud, and enjoy the game!

Stephen



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A WORD FROM YOUR CAPTAIN

- AARON DOBBS -



Good evening everyone and welcome back to Ferrycarrig Park. On behalf of the players and staff, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Bray Wanderers and their supporters who have made the trip down tonight.

We know Bray will come here determined to get their campaign back to winning ways, and that means we'll have to be at our best from the very first whistle.

For us, every game is a must win as we look to get ourselves in the playoff hunt. We've shown throughout the season that we can compete with anyone in this division, but now it's about getting some consistency and making sure we pick up points when it matters most. Every result from here on in carries huge importance, and we're all determined to give everything to make sure we're in the mix come the end of the year.

One thing I can't stress enough is how much of a difference your support makes. Home games at Ferrycarrig are always special, and when the crowd gets behind us, it really lifts the lads and drives us on in the big moments. With so much at stake in the weeks ahead, we'll need that energy more than ever.

Thanks for your backing as always – we'll do everything we can out on the pitch to deliver a performance you can be proud of.

Up Wexford!

Aaron



BRAY WANDERERS

In the Away Corner – Chris Farrington



Head Coach: Paul Heffernan

We're back at Ferrycarrig Park this evening as Wexford FC take on Bray Wanderers in what promises to be a fascinating clash in the League of Ireland First Division.

It's been a difficult spell for Bray, who arrive here having failed to win any of their last three games in all competitions. A 2-2 draw with Finn Harps in the league was followed by a 2-0 defeat to Cobh Ramblers, and more recently a 3-1 loss to Harps in the FAI Cup. That run has seen the Seagulls lose ground at the top of the table, and with the gap now at 11 points to league leaders Dundalk, their hopes of a title challenge have all but ended. The focus for Bray will now be on consolidating their position and making sure they're back in form come the business end of the season.



For Wexford, this game represents a huge opportunity to get points on the board against a side who are low on confidence. Bray still have plenty of quality in their ranks – and will no doubt be determined to bounce back – but recent results show that they can be got at, and that should give Stephen Elliott's side plenty of encouragement heading into tonight's contest. With Ferrycarrig Park under the lights,

FIRST TEAM

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Dylan Barnett

Alain Kizenga

Killian Cantwell

Jamie Duggan

Paul Murphy

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Kyle Degelman

Benjamin Fagbemi

Cian Curtis

Jordan Tallon

Harvey Warren

Justin Ferizaj

Conor Knight

Guillermo Almirall

Joshua Kerr

Rhys Bartley

Thomas Considine

Cian Doyle

Richie Ferizaj

Jamie Ryan

Matthew Britton

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Billy O'Neill

Rhys Knight

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Philip Cooney

Cristiano Bramley

Leon Keogh





and the margins in the table tightening as the weeks go by, there's everything to play for. Wexfords recent form now means Finn Harps and Longford Town are now hot on our heels with Kerry not far behind those. Only ten points separate ninth to fifth and with nine games left, along with the recent form of the playoff chasing pack, this is going to be a run in for the ages. Wexford will be eager to put in a strong performance in front of the home support and make a real statement against one of the division's better-resourced sides.

It promises to be a competitive battle – and one that could be pivotal for Wexford as the playoff race heats up.



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Current Squad Appearances & Goals

| Squad No. | Name | Apps | Goals |
|-----------|--------------------|------|-------|
| 1 | Alex Moody | 43 | 0 |
| 2 | Darragh Dunne | 9 | 0 |
| 3 | James Crawford | 83 | 2 |
| 4 | Josh Lyons | 16 | 0 |
| 5 | Robbie McCourt | 17 | 0 |
| 6 | Dean Larkin | 22 | 0 |
| 7 | Mikie Rowe | 63 | 30 |
| 8 | Darragh Levingston | 101 | 13 |
| 9 | Henry Cromack | 2 | 0 |
| 10 | Aaron Dobbs | 150 | 45 |
| 11 | Luke Kehir | 4 | 1 |
| 12 | Harry Sherlock | 4 | 0 |
| 13 | Calum Flynn | 23 | 6 |
| 14 | Conor Levingston | 32 | 1 |
| 15 | Kaylem Harnett | 56 | 5 |
| 16 | Zayd Abada | 21 | 0 |
| 18 | Jack Larkin | 19 | 0 |
| 19 | Ryan Kelly | 22 | 1 |
| 20 | Paul Martin | 23 | 0 |
| 21 | Oscar Ramsey | 2 | 0 |
| 22 | Filip Wasilewski | 19 | 0 |
| 23 | Muhammad Haris | 3 | 1 |
| 24 | Cian Browne | 3 | 0 |
| 25 | Ryan Butler | 17 | 0 |
| 27 | Ryan Scanlon | 14 | 0 |
| 28 | Michael McCarthy | 4 | 0 |
| 29 | Aji Oluwabiya | 0 | 0 |
| 30 | Pa Doyle | 43 | 0 |
| 31 | Matthew O'Brien | 0 | 0 |
| 37 | Kyal Byrne | 2 | 0 |
| 46 | Patrick Manning | 1 | 0 |



The Path Forward for Young Talent: Insights from John Godkin



John Godkin, the Head of Football at Wexford FC, recently provided a mid-season assessment of the club's progress, highlighting the significant strides made in our club's youth development.

In his chat with club media officer Ronan McCarthy, he emphasised the club's goal in nurturing young talent and providing a clear pathway to the senior squad.

Godkin revealed that the club has given 14 senior footballing debuts so far this season, with half of those players coming directly from the club's own academy. This is a remarkable achievement, surpassing the number of debuts in the previous three to four years combined. This focus on internal growth is a testament to the hard work of the academy staff and the potential of the players themselves.

Among the promising young players mentioned were Kyal Byrne, Filip Wasilewski, Ryan Scanlon, Ryan Butler, Oscar Ramsey, and Calum Flynn. Four more academy players have also been given opportunities to train with the first team or make the bench, a clear sign of their proximity to a senior debut - Finn O'Leary, Harry Sherlock, Dave Holden, and Darragh Kinch.

7 have come through the Wexford FC Academy so far this season — Ryan Butler, Oscar Ramsay, Filip Wasilewski, Tariq Almasry, Calum Flynn, Kyal Byrne, and Ryan Scanlon — while even more have joined us via fellow League of Ireland academies: Josh Lyons, Darragh Dunne, Ryan Kelly, Luke Kehir, Ajibola Oluwabiyi, and Patrick Manning.

Godkin praised first team manager Steven Elliott's "infectious" energy and



willingness to give young players a chance. This supportive management style, he noted, is a crucial factor for young footballers when choosing a club.

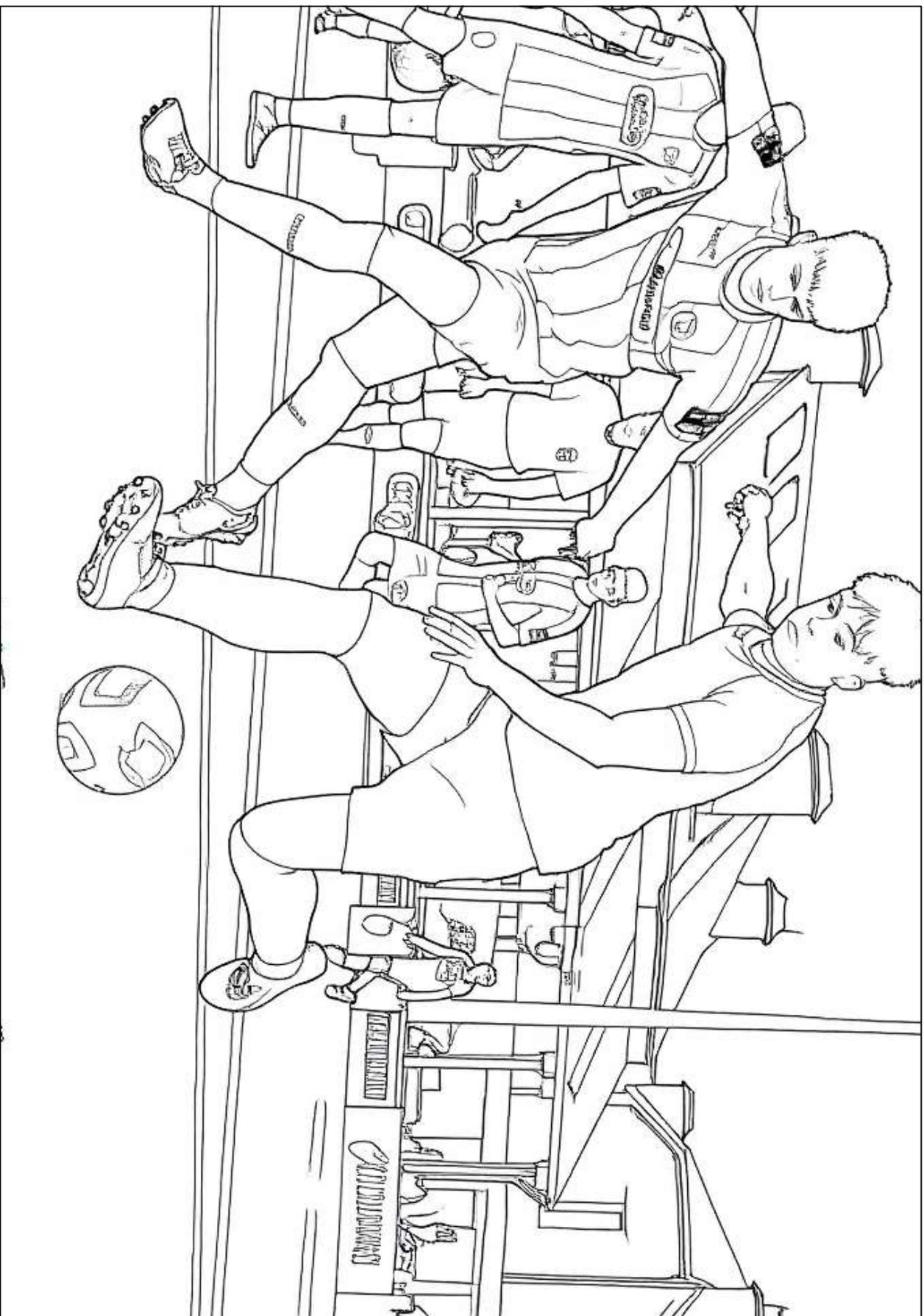
The club's presence in the First Division is seen as a key advantage for young player development, providing a "smoother trajectory" for players transitioning from the U20s to senior football. Godkin pointed to Ryan Butler's international recognition after only a few games with the first team as a prime example of this benefit.

Ultimately, the academy's core purpose, as Godkin explained, is not just about winning at the youth level, but about consistently bringing players through to the senior team each year.

This is the ultimate goal, and with the current progress, the future of the club looks bright.



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LUKE KEHIR



MEN'S LEAGUE OF IRELAND FIRST DIVISION TABLE 2025

| POS | TEAM | P | W | D | L | GF | GA | GD | PTS |
|-----|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 | Dundalk | 27 | 18 | 7 | 2 | 50 | 20 | 30 | 61 |
| 2 | Cobh Ramblers | 27 | 17 | 4 | 6 | 50 | 25 | 25 | 55 |
| 3 | Bray Wanderers | 27 | 16 | 2 | 9 | 46 | 36 | 10 | 50 |
| 4 | UCD | 27 | 12 | 6 | 9 | 30 | 25 | 5 | 42 |
| 5 | Treaty United | 27 | 9 | 8 | 10 | 41 | 31 | 10 | 35 |
| 6 | Wexford | 27 | 8 | 6 | 13 | 30 | 39 | -9 | 30 |
| 7 | Finn Harps | 27 | 6 | 11 | 10 | 30 | 35 | -5 | 28 |
| 8 | Longford Town | 27 | 7 | 7 | 13 | 27 | 48 | -21 | 28 |
| 9 | Kerry FC | 27 | 7 | 5 | 15 | 29 | 43 | -14 | 25 |
| 10 | Athlone Town | 27 | 3 | 8 | 16 | 20 | 51 | -31 | 17 |

This Weeks Fixtures

COBH RAMBLERS vs **UCD**
FINN HARPS vs **ATHLONE TOWN**
KERRY vs **LONGFORD TOWN**
TREATY UNITED vs **DUNDALK**
WEXFORD vs **BRAY WANDERERS**

Thank You To Tonights Ballboys

Fastnet Rovers



Tonights Squads

Alex Moody
Darragh Dunne
James Crawford
Josh Lyons
Robert McCourt
Dean Larkin
Mikie Rowe
Darragh Levingston
Aaron Dobbs
Luke Kehir
Calum Flynn
Conor Levingston
Kaylem Harnett
Zayd Abada
Filip Wasilewski
Jack Larkin
Ryan Kelly
Paul Martin
Oscar Ramsey
Harry Sherlock
Ryan Butler
Ryan Scanlon
Tariq Al Masry
Kyal Byrne
Michael McCarthy
Cian Browne
Matty O'Brien
Muhammad Harris
Patrick Manning
Ajibola Oluwabiyi

Jimmy Corcoran
Alex Forde
Ben Clark
Stephen McGuinness
Dylan Barnett
Alain Kizenga
Killian Cantwell
Jamie Duggan
Paul Murphy
Max Murphy
Kyle Degelman
Benjamin Fagbemi
Cian Curtis
Jordon Tallon
Harvey Warren
Justin Ferizaj
Conor Knight
Guillermo Almirall
Joshua Kerr
Rhys Bartley
Thomas Considine
Cian Doyle
Richie Ferizaj
Jamie Ryan
Matthew Britton
Sean Brennan
Billy O'Neill
Rhys Knight
Danú Kinsella-Bishop
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Cristiano Bramley
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